

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method of framing a work, comprising:

threading the work through a plurality of slits in a sheet of material, wherein an entire length of an edge of the work is threaded through at least one of the plurality of slits;

positioning the sheet of material within a picture frame; and

attaching a backing behind the sheet of material.

Claim 2 (original): The method of claim 1, further comprising:

positioning a mat within the picture frame such that the work is exposed through an opening in the mat.

Claim 3 (original): The method of claim 2, further comprising:

affixing the mat to the picture frame with mounting points.

Claim 4 (original): The method of claim 3, wherein at least a portion of a surface of the mat is covered in a magnetic material.

Claim 5 (original): The method of claim 4, wherein at least a portion of the sheet of material is covered in a magnetic material and wherein positioning the sheet of material within the picture frame includes magnetically affixing the sheet of material to the mat.

Claim 6 (original): The method of claim 5, wherein the backing comprises a mount board, wherein at least a portion of a surface of the mount board is covered in a magnetic material, and wherein attaching the backing includes magnetically affixing the mount board to the sheet of material.

Claim 7 (original): The method of claim 5, further comprising:

attaching a magnetic surface to an item associated with the work; and magnetically affixing the item to the sheet of material.

Claim 8 (original): The method of claim 7, wherein the item is an envelope.

Claim 9 (original): The method of claim 1, wherein the work is a document.

Claim 10 (original): The method of claim 9, wherein the document is a greeting card.

Claim 11 (currently amended): An apparatus for framing a work, comprising:

a picture frame;

a first mat, wherein the first mat contains an opening that is sized to allow the work to be viewed through the opening;

a second mat, wherein the second mat contains a plurality of slits that are sized and positioned to allow the work to be held into place upon the second mat by threading the work through the slits, wherein an entire length of an edge of the work is threaded through at least one of the plurality of slits; and

a mount board that is positioned relative to the picture frame, first mat, and second mat so as to enclose the first mat and second mat between the picture frame and mount board.

Claim 12 (original): The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the first mat is held into the picture frame with a plurality of mounting points.

Claim 13 (original): The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the first mat, second mat, and mount board each include detachable attachment surfaces and wherein the first mat, second mat, and mount board are attached to each other in a layered configuration in which the detachable attachment surfaces hold the first mat, second mat, and mount board together in the layered configuration.

Claim 14 (original): The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the detachable attachment surfaces are magnetic surfaces.

Claim 15 (original): The apparatus of claim 13, further comprising:

a ribbon attached to the mount board, wherein the mount board may be detached from the second mat by pulling the ribbon.

Claim 16 (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 11, wherein ~~at least one of~~ the first mat, the second mat, ~~and~~ or the mount board includes a first detachable attachment surface adapted to allow the first detachable attachment surface to attach to a second detachable attachment surface that is adapted to be affixed to ~~[[a]]~~ an item associated with the work.

Claim 17 (original): The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the first detachable attachment surface and second detachable attachment surface are magnetic surfaces.

Claim 18 (original): The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the item is an envelope.

Claim 19 (original): The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the work is a document.

Claim 20 (original): The apparatus of claim 19, wherein the document is a greeting card.